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PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announces that a federal arrest warrant was issued on September 13, 2001, for EVODIO MANILLA-CABRERA, AKA "EL NEGRO", AKA ANTONIO CABRERA-GOMEZ, AKA JAVIER MORELLA-CABRERA, AKA ALEJANDRO MANILLA-CABRERA, AKA JUAN LICONA-MANELLA, DOB 4/25/72, 6/24/72, 4/25/74, 4/25/75, born in Honey, Puebla, Mexico.

On September 13, 2001, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, indicted MANILLA-CABRERA on one count of violating 8 United States Code 1324, Conspiracy to Bring Illegal Aliens to the United States; one count of violating 8 United States Code 1324, Aiding and Abetting the Bringing of Illegal Aliens to the United States; and one count of 8 United States Code 1324, Aiding and Abetting the Transportation of Illegal Aliens.



The indictment alleges the defendant was involved in an alien smuggling organization and its failed attempt to smuggle approximately twenty-five Mexican Nationals into the United States, which resulted

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in the deaths of fourteen of those individuals and serious injuries to the remaining members of the group.

A conviction for the offenses mentioned above carries a maximum penalty of up to life imprisonment or death year, a \$ 250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the United States Border Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, together with the Yuma and Pima County Sheriff's Offices.

The prosecution is being handled by Thomas Simon, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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